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General Electric Indications Analysis Technique Briefing

1. As mentioned at the last CODIB meeting, the General Electric Information Systems Operations Division in Bethesda recently briefed Fort Holabird on an indications analysis support program which they have worked up; the Army CODIB member thought this might be worth the Committee's attention, the Chairman adding that he would mention it to the national estimates and current intelligence people in CIA.
2. A schedule has now been set: Monday 10 December 1962 beginning at 10:30 (reporting time 10:15 to allow for signing in) at GE's Bethesda Division, 4901 Fairmont Avenue. Parking space exists for about 10 cars. Report to the main building (the 4901 address) reception desk.
3. Discussed and demonstrated will be an application of Bayes theorem - a probabilistic technique for evaluating and weighing information from several sources concurrently; supporting and/or contradictory information received is taken into account to allow for an estimate of the probable cause or source of an event. The developed technique was applied to a tactical Fort Holabird exercise; the demonstration will allegedly show how this could be applied to strategic intelligence.
4. It will be necessary for each department or agency to send to the GE Information Systems Operation Security Officer (Mr. Ernest J. Criscuolo) Bethesda, Maryland, a security clearance letter indicating full names of attendees, security clearance (SECRET is enough), date of clearance, issuing office, date of visit, and person to be visited (Mr. Henry Bartelloni). It is also necessary that the Secretary receive by phone the names of prospective attendees by noon Friday 7 December. Any last minute changes in attendees could be called to GE with follow-up written confirmation.

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5. In addition to the briefing, a short tour of the plant, to include a look at their closed circuit TV and other display equipment, has been arranged for those interested. A buffet luncheon has also been arranged.

6. Transportation should be handled by each agency; however, since a number of people from CIA will be going, it may be possible to pool the driving effort and reduce the number of cars involved. CIA attendees will be departing from the Langley Headquarters building at about 0930. If anyone else wishes to tie-in with their caravan, please contact me on

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